

Federal grant funds successful Upward Bound Math and Science program at UTSA

(Washington, D.C.) - Congressman Ciro D. Rodriguez (TX-23) announced today a \$250,000 Federal grant to support the successful Upward Bound Math and Science program at UTSA. Earlier this year, Congressman Rodriguez strongly supported the "Innovation Agenda" - a series of bills to support and expand math and science capacity in the US, including significant investments in educational programs like Upward Bound.

"I applaud the work of the Upward Bound program at UTSA and congratulate them on earning the \$250,000 Federal grant to continue their great work training San Antonio high school students in math and science," said Congressman Ciro D. Rodriguez. "These skills grow more important each day as the US struggles to remain a leader in an increasingly competitive high-tech global market. San Antonio's economy has been super-charged by the technology and health sectors so we need to cultivate a strong math and science talent pool to sustain this growth. The talent Upward Bound nurtures not only translates into higher wages for their students in the future, but also into growth potential for all of San Antonio. The future of San Antonio and the US economy depends on the bright futures of these talented high school students."

Upward Bound is a college preparatory program for high school students funded by the U.S. Department of Education and sponsored locally by the University of Texas at San Antonio. Upward Bound is specifically designed to strengthen the academic skills of eligible high school students and prepare them to enter college and graduate with baccalaureate degrees in math and science. Services at Upward Bound include intensive math and science training; year-round counseling and advisement; exposure to university faculty members who do research in mathematics and the sciences; computer training; and participant-conducted scientific research under the guidance of faculty members of graduate students, who are serving as mentors. The Upward Bound program of UTSA serves approximately 150 students in grades 9th-12th at John Jay, Oliver Wendell Holmes, and Southside High School in San Antonio.

For more information or assistance with Federal grants, please contact Congressman Rodriguez's Congressional Office at 1-866-915-3493.

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